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hard and dry, is for the lawyer an important element in their value, for the study of uninteresting statutes and ancient blue books must form a large part of his work. Special aptitude may overcome one's dislike for the drudgery, but the average youth needs the special training in the interpretation of documents that are uninteresting, and this preliminary difficulty should be conquered before he enters upon his work.

The additional arguments might be adduced of the number of terms adopted bodily from the Latin, the Latin terminology characteristic of the law, the fact that our law is founded upon the Roman law, etc. In this connection the speaker regretted that courses in the Institutes of Gaius and Justinian are not more frequently offered, so that students might have an opportunity to become familiar not only with classical forms of thought and expression but with legal conceptions also.

"We know, of course, that the slang of the street, the jargon of the market-place, and the vogue of the moment pervade the current use of English. This is true of every other language in current use. We know again that among the thousand books put forth each year, but one or two survive and are worthy our study. And we are oftentimes perplexed to select those two, and avoid loss of time and effort upon the unworthy. But among the Classics the winnowing hand of time has made the selection for us. The slang, the jargon, and the vogue have passed. The clamorous utterances of the ephemeral and the unworthy have perished. The fittest, however, survive.

One accent of the Holy Ghost
The heedless world hath never lost.

And these are our Classics; these the testings and selections which the ages have pronounced worthy. It is the absorption of these, the mastery of their spirit, and the equipment that they yield which give to the educated lawyer his special strength; which give the educated man in every field his sense of kinship with the great minds of all ages; which store his mind with the resources of the world; which give the spirit and leading which he needs.

The man who knows his Classics goes through the work of life saying:

I have heard the lofty paeans
Of the masters of the shell,
Who have heard the starry music,
And recount its numbers well;
Olympian bards who sung
Divine ideas below,
Which always find us young
And always keep us so.

And he has within him the sense of largeness and of power that gives him in some degree, however

small, a fellowship with the greatest and noblest—with

Caesar's hand, and Plato's brain,
The Lord Christ's heart, and Shakespeare's strain".

TEACHERS COLLEGE

THEODORA ETHEL WYE

NOTES

The Classical Club of the Normal College, New York City, heard Professor Charles Knapp of Barnard College on October fourth.

Travel in Ancient Times as seen in Plautus and Terence was the attractive topic of the lecture.

Professor Knapp illumined for us the company of travelers of Menander's day with the scholarly light of extracts from the sources and the personal light of his own enthusiasm. We saw the pilgrims in the low-crowned broad-brimmed hats going about the business of travel—the excursionist being then unknown. There were the *miles*, the *mercator*, owning his own ship, the rescuer of lost or kidnapped children—with now and then a *legatus publice missus* or some other. No extensive travel by land is mentioned. To reach a city's port or its suburbs was sufficient for the journeys that must be made on foot. The Athenians loved to live in the country. There is, therefore, much talk of travel *rus* and *rure*. By sea more ambitious journeys were made as far as India and into Africa. Stay-at-home personages in the plays send letters to those who are *peregre*, or receive them from travelers in distant lands. It becomes clear that considerable traveling was done.

The lecture may be found printed in Classical Philology, volume 2, numbers 1 and 3. There was a strong inspiration in hearing it delivered by the author and in sharing his evident delight in the voyaging of the very real men and women that live in the plays of Plautus and Terence.

NORMAL COLLEGE

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Professor John C. Rolfe, of the University of Pennsylvania, is in Rome for the academic year, as annual professor in the American School of Classical Studies.

Professor J. L. Moore, of Vassar College, has just returned from a year abroad, spent largely in Italy in study.

Dr. Duane Reed Stuart, who came to Princeton University two years ago as Preceptor in Classics, is now Professor of Greek and Latin at that university.

At the beginning of the current academic year Professor Edward Capps, who for a number of years has been at the University of Chicago as Professor of Greek, came to Princeton University as Professor of Classics.

Among the preceptors this year at Princeton University are two former Rhoades scholars: Mr. William Fleet of Virginia, and Mr. Paul Nixon of Connecticut.

In January next Professor G. L. Hendrickson will go from the University of Chicago to Yale University, to succeed, it is understood, Professor Tracy Peck, who is to retire at that time.

Dr. E. H. Sturtevant, who for several years has been Instructor in Greek and Latin at the University of Indiana, has come to Barnard College, as Tutor in Classical Philology.

Several well-known teachers in the High Schools of New York City have recently been promoted to be First Assistants in Classics (heads of departments). Dr. Ernst Riess is now head of the department of Classics in the Boys' High School, Brooklyn. Mr. Max Radin occupies a similar position in the Newtown High School, Long Island, Mr. Paul Jenks in the High School in Flushing, Mr. Chas. E. Dixon in the Eastern District High School. Mr. Harry F. Towle, formerly of the Boys' High School, Brooklyn, is now Principal of the Curtis High School, at New Brighton, Staten Island.

The dates and places of Mr. Horton's lecture on The Greeks of To-Day are as follows: Rochester, November 14; Washington, Pa., November 6; Pittsburgh, November 18; Washington, D. C., November 20; Baltimore, November 22 (afternoon); Philadelphia, November 23 (afternoon); New York, Monday, November 25, at 4.30, in Room 305 Schermerhorn, Columbia University. The lectures are free to the public.

THE NEW YORK LATIN CLUB

will hold three luncheons in the current year. Speakers for two of these have already been secured as follows:

December 7, 1907, Professor Charles P. Parker, Harvard University: *Latin Life through Latin Language*.

February 15, 1908: Dr. Edgar S. Shumway, Manual Training High School, Brooklyn: *The Source of the Law*.

Luncheon will be served promptly at noon. The place of the luncheons will be announced in the next issue of The Classical Weekly.

Those wishing to attend the luncheons are requested to notify Mr. A. L. Hodges, 309 West 101st Street, New York, enclosing checks as follows: for the three luncheons, \$2.00; for the three luncheons and membership in The Latin Club, \$2.50; tickets for any one luncheon, \$1.00.

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